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HB 2710: registrations; counting procedures; observers; verification

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Overview

Modifies statute relating to voter registration, hand counts and party observers.

History

Precinct registers and other lists and information derived from registration forms may only be used for purposes relating to a political party activity, a political campaign or an election, for revising election district boundaries or for any other purpose authorized in statute and may not be used for a commercial purpose ([A.R.S. § 16-168](#)).

Current statute requires for each countywide primary, special, general and presidential preference election, the county officer in charge of the election to conduct a hand count at one or more secure facilities. The hand count must be conducted in accordance with state law and the procedures provided in the Secretary of State's Elections Procedures Manual. The hand count is not subject to the live video requirements in statute but the party representative may record the hand count ([A.R.S. § 16-602](#)).

Provisions

1. Removes current statute relating to:
 - a) Only using precinct registers and other lists and information derived from registration forms for a political or political party activity, a political campaign or an election or for any other purpose specifically authorized by law;
 - b) The prohibition on using precinct registers for any purpose other than authorized by law and providing access to this information through the internet; and
 - c) The exclusion, other than by the voter or an authorized government official, of the voter's month and day of birth date, the father's name or mother's maiden name, the state or country of birth and the records containing a voter's signature and email address. (Sec. 1)
2. Specifies that the county recorder, Secretary of State and other officers in charge of elections must prepare copies of an official precinct list on a request for a noncommercial use. (Sec. 1)
3. Stipulates that public posting of voter registration records is not precluded by statute. (Sec. 1)
4. Allows a voter to make a verbal request that includes information sufficient to verify the voter's identity to remove the voter from the active early voting list. (Sec. 2)
5. Mandates the redaction by the county recorder or other officer in charge of elections of the elector's designated political party for any comparison of the elector's registration record. (Sec. 3)
6. Adds the following locations to where a party representative may be present:
 - a) A voting center in the precinct;
 - b) A location where electronic processing of ballots occurs; and

- c) A location used by any third-party vendor for physical or electronic processing of ballot materials, including ballot envelopes. (Sec. 4)
- 7. Outlines the mechanisms for appointing a party agent or representative if the county or state party chairperson fails to make an appointment. (Sec. 4)
- 8. Directs the county officer in charge of the election to publish the procedures for the hand count, including the times and locations, on the county's website no later than the Tuesday before the election. (Sec. 5)
- 9. Specifies that the hand count *is* subject to the live video requirements in statute. (Sec. 5)
- 10. Includes the provisional ballots, conditional provisional ballots and write-in votes in the hand counts. (Sec. 5)
- 11. Outlines the mechanisms for designating a sufficient number of board workers if the county or state party chairperson fails to designate and if there are fewer than two people to participate. (Sec. 5)
- 12. Prescribes the time periods and manner in which to provide a sufficient number of people to participate in the hand count by the county officer in charge of elections. (Sec. 5)
- 13. Requires the county to make the results of the hand counts available on the county's website and provide them to the Secretary of State. (Sec. 5)
- 14. Adds the hand count locations to statute governing the proceedings at the counting center. (Sec. 6)
- 15. Mandates the electronic vote adjudication process used by the electronic vote adjudication board to provide for the observation of the board's activities by observers. (Sec. 6)
- 16. Makes technical and conforming changes. (Sec. 1-6)

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